

Ten-Year Luck Cycles Report for
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Welcome to the Pillars of Destiny

The Ten-Luck Cycles (part of the Pillars of Destiny astrology) is many centuries old and still practiced today throughout China. These 10-year periods of time follow one upon another for a lifetime and literally describe the mental and physical landscape we will pass through, what is called by the Chinese "Heaven's Luck," our destiny.

Included here are ten of your "10-Year Luck Cycles," complete with traditional-style interpretations and guidelines. We hope you enjoy them.

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Section 1

History and Background

Chinese astrology/astronomy was practiced at least as early as the time of the Yellow Emperor (Huang Di), around 2700 BC to 2150 BC, during which time imperial astrologer/astronomers advised the emperor by observing and charting the movements of the heavens. Throughout history, Chinese medicine, astrology, and geomancy (Feng Shui) have been interdependent and practiced as one science called "Wu Shu" (the Five Arts) consisting of feng-shui, medicine, destiny, divination, and physiognomy. The Four Pillars are part of the 'Destiny' or Ming Xue studies.

Four Pillars (also called BaZi) translates as "the eight characters," which amount to four pillars of two characters each. These then are the "Four Pillars of Destiny," which are often just called the "Four Pillars" or "BaZi." BaZi can be traced back to the Period of the Tang Dynasty (618 - 906 A.D.) and most authorities credit Grand Master Xu Zi Ping as its founding father. BaZi or Four Pillars astrology is an authentic astrological tradition still practiced by many ethnic Chinese to this day.

Pillars of Destiny astrology should not be entirely new to those of us who live here in the West. The four pillars of destiny are none other than the year, month, day, and hour of birth of an individual or event, so this concept is not so very different from Western astrology astrological ideas, except that the actual methods of BaZi astrology can be quite different from what we use today here in the West.

If we had to sum up what BaZi or Four Pillar astrology is all about in a single word, that word would be "balance." It is pretty much axiomatic in Chinese metaphysical studies that

nothing is good, of value, or "works" that is not balanced. Balance is the key to unlocking one's individual destiny as coded in the Four Pillars - the hour, day, month, and year of birth. Four Pillars astrology provides us with a unique viewpoint of our life, an alternate (but complementary) view from what our standard astrology provides.

Section 2

Ten-Year Luck Cycles

In Chinese divination history there are said to be three different kinds of luck that we each have. There is of course what is called Man Luck, which is the luck that results from our own actions, the decisions we make, and the kind of morals and virtues we live. The second kind of luck is often called Earth Luck, and this is the province of Feng Shui, the art of placement, not only of objects in our home, but of the home itself, what part of the country we want to live, and our surroundings. The third type of luck, and the subject of this report, is Heaven's Luck, the luck of our particular destiny.

In Four Pillars Chinese astrology, our lifetime is divided into ten-year sections of time, starting within a year or so after our birth and extending for our entire life. Each ten year section has its particular qualities, elements, factors, and what not, and these qualities interact with our natal Four Pillars chart, some favorably and some not so favorably.

The Ten-Year Luck Cycles are one of the primary ways Chinese Astrologers anticipate what will happen to us during our life. Each section lasts ten years and during those years certain 'luck' or factors are in force and influence us. By knowing in advance what these factors are, it is possible to work with these forces to our advantage and lessen the difficult parts and enhance the better parts.

Your Ten-Year Luck Cycles are detailed in the following pages. We hope you enjoy them.

Section 3

Yang Fire Day Master

Fire people are charged up, ready to roll, and full of enthusiasm. As one of these types, you are usually able to easily communicate your passion to those around you. Some may find you just too intense or active. You very much prefer speaking to listening and invariably tend to leap before you look. Fire people are always on the go - active.

Society likes you when they need to make a presentation or rouse an audience. Fire people are outgoing, adventurous, sometimes even to the point of being aggressive, but for the most part they are warm and kind. People are drawn to you, perhaps because you make life appear exciting and still filled with possibilities. You naturally love change and being on the move. In Western astrology, you would have the attributes often associated with the planet Mars.

You are Yang or masculine Fire, like the fire in the Sun, shining bright over all and warm. When you come into a room, it suddenly is so much



brighter. Everyone perks up. In this respect you are not unlike the zodiac sign Leo in Western astrology.

Section 4

Interdependent Day Master

You have what is called an Inter-dependent Day Master, and this suggests that you prefer to work with people from within a secure framework, situation, or group, rather than to work alone.

What this indicates is that you are above all a team player, someone who prefers working with and through an existing situation (group interaction) rather than working alone as an entrepreneurial type. In other words, you work inter-dependently with others as opposed to being somehow above and independent from the group. You are more productive working with a group than trying to create things on your own.

You are also not a home being the boss, telling others what to do. You would rather work with others as a part of a team. At the same time you can at times resent authority and don't like the feeling of being controlled, although this is probably due to a lack of confidence on your part.

In summary, cooperation with others is a necessary quality with you, a quality very important for your own well being. You draw strength, increased confidence, and accurate direction from friends, family, and your surroundings in general. Given a supportive environment, you thrive. You naturally prefer not to function as an independent agent, but do fabulously picking up on anything that is already established and in motion.

You have a somewhat fragile Day Master, which suggests that your life energy or QI works best in an environment that is protected and secure, perhaps surrounded by friends and with plenty of resources for growth and confidence.



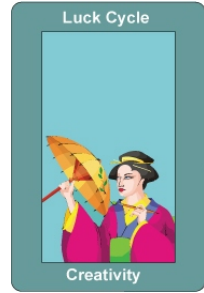
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Ten Year Luck Pillars 1961 Through 1970

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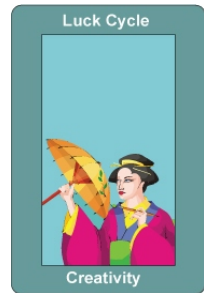
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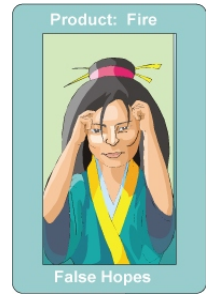
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☰☷ Heavenly Stems

This is always a welcome combination in a Four Pillar chart, because it bring great loyalty and true friendship.



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Ten Year Luck Pillars 1981 Through 1990

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Your current luck cycle is favorable and provides you with an extended period in increased self-confidence and strength, making it possible during this time to accomplish much that otherwise you might not be up to, so take advantage of it. Friends, fellowship, and even competitors can help to bolster your position and bring success.

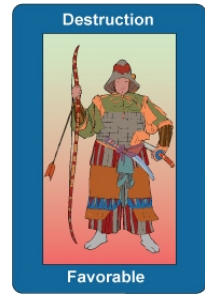


☯ Destruction Codes

The "Destruction" configuration in the Luck Pillars usually indicates that some external influence, circumstance, or person will cause you to veer off track and do yourself some damage. It's the "Devel made me do it!" syndrome. Someone or something outside of yourself influences you to change your behavior or life course, but usually not for the better. Ultimately, it is your own fault, but something or someone drove you to it. That is the idea.

In this particular chart, the effect can be somewhat lessened by your seizing the moment, recognizing the problem, taking it to heart, and changing your behavior... as simple or difficult as that may be. In other words, there can be a happy ending here to these episodes, but it will require taking remedial action on your part.

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☯ Self Karma

This is a configuration that shouts out "It's your own fault." Something you have done or set in motion finally bites back at you from the outside. It could be as simple as a bad habit that you know is not good, but you never got around to changing it. Suddenly, it is out of your control and you become the victim of your own handiwork. You started it.

This particular condition can be lessened by taking whatever it is to heart and learning from it. Take care of the cause, whatever that may be.



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Ten Year Luck Pillars 2001 Through 2010

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☰ Favorable Resources

Your current luck cycle is favorable when it comes to finding the support and resources needed to give you strength and self-confidence. You have increased protection during this time, an environment where you can very much thrive and grow, so take advantage of it. This is a time when you have that extra something that can bring you success.



☰ Heavenly Stems

You have for this Luck Cycle one of the most sought after combinations, one that brings true loyalty and trust to this time and compassion, real caring and concern for other people and for life in general.



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Ten Year Luck Pillars 2011 Through 2020

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This traditionally is considered one of the fortunate combinations, bringing with it kindness and mercy -benevolence. Having this good a combination for such an extended time period is considered a great blessing.



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☯ Favorable Element Clashed Away

Here some of your strength and power is being 'clashed' away, leaving you on the losing end of things - poorer for it. Traditional advice suggests vigilance on your part, and being careful to protect and conserve what you have and not let it be drained away.

Your current extended luck cycle is unfavorable as regards accumulating wealth, property, and all the earmarks of success, so be forewarned. You may want to sit this period out and remain conservative when it comes to investments or risks. Now is not the time to take chances with money or possession, so hold on to what you have. .

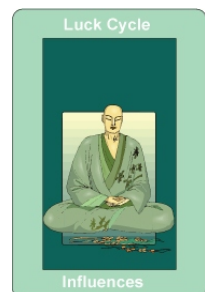
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☯ Unfavorable Influences

Your current extended luck cycle is unfavorable as regards all kinds of authority - rules, regulations, mentors, and anyone in charge. Authority in any form may feel invasive and overly stringent, causing you to go against it or even break its laws. Right now you may not be up to handling or interacting with those who at other time might command your respect. Best to bite your tongue and lay low.



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One traditional piece of advice for this condition is to be careful to choose good company, to not fall in with a crowd that will lead you into your own bad habits.

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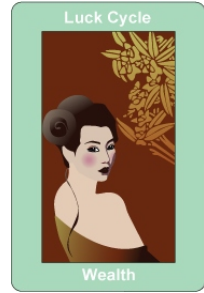
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This configuration traditionally suggests that when you meet and marry your wife, she will be the most important person to you throughout your life.



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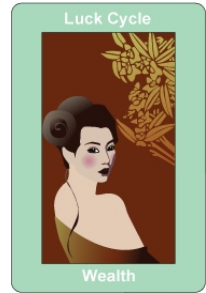
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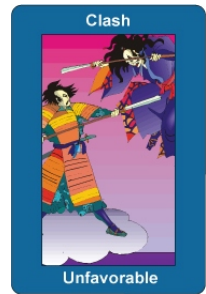
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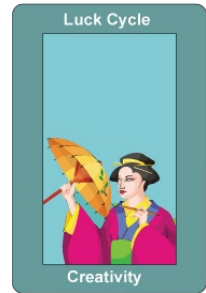
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☰ Current Year Luck for 2009

The Chinese year, which does not start on January 1, like our calendar year, but begins usually in late January or sometime in February brings with it a change to the factors that affect us individually. In particular, each year will accent a basic area of our life, such as Friends, Creativity, Wealth, Influences, and Resources, and this may affect us favorably or unfavorably. It is traditional to pay close attention to the area of life affected for a given year and act accordingly.

This current Chinese year will may affect your productivity and even our creativity, weakening it and causing you to operate to some degree in a diminished capacity. Don't expect too much when it comes to expressing yourself through speech, "The Arts," and so forth. Same with business, its products and progress, which will be slow..



Section 16

Follow-Up Reports

We hope you enjoyed your Four Pillars Ten-Year Luck Cycles Report, and you might also like to check out the following Chinese Pillars of Destiny reports.

☰ Natal Four Pillars of Destiny Report

The Four Pillars of Destiny form of Chinese astrology can be traced back to the period of the Tang Dynasty (618 - 906 A.D.) and is still enthusiastically practiced by the ethnic Chinese to this day.

Four Pillars astrology provides a complete natal analysis based on the birth date and year, and in this way is similar to astrology practiced here in the West, but from a completely

different perspective, including who you are, how you function, and your opportunities in this lifetime. Until now, this very detailed individual analysis has been virtually unavailable here in the West.

☰ Year by Year Pillars Report

Also available is our year-by-year analysis of your Pillars of Destiny astrology. Available ten years at a time, our year-by-year report relates the current year to your natal Four Pillars astrology and details what you can expect each year. In addition, you get month-by-month comments, which makes planning events easy.

